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SUBJECT: YEMENI/LIBYAN RELATIONS

1. ON JULY 11 FONMIN ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ TOLD ME THAT LIBYA EXTENDED GREAT PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS TO VISIT TRPOLI AS PART OF HIS RECENT VISITS TO FRANCE AND TUNISIA. AL-ASNAJ SAID AT THE LAST MOMENT THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR IN TUNIS TRIED VERY HARD TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT HAMDI TO CHANGE HIS MIND AND CONTINUE TO TRIPOLI. (INTERESTINGLY, THERE WAS A STROY IN THE LOCAL SANA PRESS ON JULY 10 STATING THAT PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI HAD DECIDED TO GO TO TRIPOLI. AL-ASNAJ OPINED THAT STORY WAS PLANTED BY LOCAL LIBYAN AMBASSADOR.)

2. AL-ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT AL-HAMDI HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING TO LIBYA BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SUCH A VISIT WOULD UPSET THE SAUDIS AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE LOCAL LEFTISTS TO THINK THAT HAMDI WAS PREPARING TO CHANGE YEMEN'S PRO-SAUDI AND PRO-MODERATE POLICIES. AL-ASNAJ NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT LIBYANS
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ARE FOLLOWING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN YEMEN VERY CLOSELY, WHILE SEEKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERMINE SAUDI AND MODERATE INFLUENCE IN YEMEN.

3. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT THE LIBYANS ARE IN ACT DOING IN YEMEN WHAT AL-ASNAJ SAYS

THEY ARE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE NEW LIBYAN AMBASSADOR,
MUHAMMAD BIN KHAYIL AL-MABRUK, IS NOW ALLEGED TO BE
PLAYING A MORE ACTIVIST ROLE THAN HIS SUCCESSOR, DESPITE
HIS OLD REGIME MANNERS AND APPROACH.
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